

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain in this application. Claims 15-17 have been added. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination.

Due to the number of amendments to the specification, a substitute specification pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.125 and MPEP § 608.01(q) is submitted herewith to facilitate the prosecution of this application. The substitute specification is accompanied by a marked up copy showing the changes between the original application, as filed, and the substitute specification. The substitute specification does not contain any new matter and includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked up copy. Applicants respectfully request that the substitute specification be entered in this case.

In addition, Applicants submit herewith proposed drawing corrections in accordance with MPEP § 608.02(v) along with a separate letter to the official draftsman pursuant to MPEP § 608.02(r). The drawing amendment merely conforms to the drawings to the specification, and therefore, in no way constitutes new matter.

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Consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: 1) Substitute Specification
 2) Compare Document (Marked-up Copy)
 3) Separate letter to Official Draftsperson
 4) Drawing

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